

URUGUAY



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

President Tabare VAZQUEZ

Head of Government

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Government Type

presidential republic

Capital

Montevideo

Legislature

bicameral General Assembly or Asamblea General consists of the Chamber of Senators or Camara de Senadores (31 seats) and the Chamber of Representatives or Camara de Representantes (99 seats)

Judiciary

Supreme Court of Justice (5 judges)

Ambassador to US

Ambassador Carlos Alberto GIANELLI

US Ambassador

Ambassador Kelly Ann KEIGERLING-FRANZ

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 176,215 sq km

Land: 175,015 sq km

Water: 1,200 sq km

Climate

warm temperate; freezing temperatures almost unknown

Natural Resources

arable land, hydropower, minor minerals, fish

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

3.4 million (July 2017 est.)

Population Growth

0.27% (2017 est.)

Ethnicity

white 87.7%, black 4.6%, indigenous 2.4%, other .3%, none or unspecified 5%; note: data represent primary ethnic identity

Language

Spanish (official), Portunol, Brasileiro (Portuguese-Spanish mix on the Brazilian frontier)

Religion

Roman Catholic 47.1%, non-Catholic Christians 11.1%, nondenominational 23.2%, Jewish 0.3%, atheist or agnostic 17.2%, other 1.1% (2006 est.)

Urbanization

urban population: 95.3% of total population (2018)
rate of urbanization: 0.46% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

Literacy

98.5% (2015 est.)

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

a free market economy characterized by an export-oriented agricultural sector, a well-educated workforce, high levels of social spending, and a strong social safety net

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$78.41 billion (2017 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$22,400 (2017 est.)

Exports

\$8.976 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 19%, Brazil 16.1%, US 5.7%, Argentina 5.4% (2017)

Imports

\$8.74 billion (2017 est.)

partners: China 20%, Brazil 19.5%, Argentina 12.6%, US 10.9% (2017)

